

**House of Representatives
Appropriations
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	SUBJECT	TYPE
September 18-19	3:30 pm	Olympia, HHR A	Full Committee	1. 2003-05 Budget Update. 2. Preview of Civil Service Reform Implementation - SHB 1268.	Work Session
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	TBA	TBA

Project Title: 2004 Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2, 2004

Committee / Staff: Barbara McLain, Sydney Forrester,
Susan Howson

Reference: ESHB 2076

Other Resources: Senate Staff

Project Description: A House and Senate joint work group with members of the Higher Education and Fiscal Committees will define legislative expectations and provide policy direction for the 2004 statewide strategic master plan for higher education currently being developed by the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB). The group will also examine opportunities to update the roles and responsibilities of the HECB.

Project Title: Higher Education Performance Contracts

Priority:

Completion Date: December 15, 2003

Committee / Staff: Barbara McLain, Sydney Forrester,
Susan Howson

Reference: SBH 2111

Other Resources: Senate Staff

Project Description: A joint House and Senate work group composed of legislators from the Higher Education and Fiscal Committees and representatives from public institutions of higher education and the Governor's Office will examine the experience of other states in developing and implementing performance contracts with institutions of higher education; consider the feasibility of implementing contracts in Washington; identify necessary amendments to current law; and develop guidelines and possible models for contracts.

Project Title: Joint Legislative Task Force on Nursing Homes

Priority:

Completion Date: December 1, 2003

Committee / Staff: Bernard Dean, Dave Knutson

Reference: Chapter 8, Laws of 2001, 1st
Sp. Sess. (SHB 2242), Sec. 17-
18

Other Resources: Senate staff, DSHS

Project Description: The task force will evaluate the nursing home payment system and submit its recommendations to the Legislature.

Project Title: Monitor Higher Education Enrollments

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Susan Howson

Reference:

Other Resources: HECB, SBCTC, OFM

Project Description: Track implementation of high demand enrollment pools to be allocated to the 2-year and 4-year public higher education institutions by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and the Higher Education Coordinating Board. Track implementation of junior level transfer enrollments to be allocated by the Office of Financial Management to the 4-year public institutions. Monitor actual vs. budgeted enrollment levels including undergraduate/graduate enrollments and resident/nonresident enrollments.

Project Title: Prison Capacity Study

Priority:

Completion Date: March 15, 2004

Committee / Staff: Bernard Dean

Reference: ESSB 5404

Other Resources: Criminal Justice & Corrections
Committee, Capital Budget
Committee

Project Description: Monitor the Washington State Institute for Public Policy study of the relationship between prison overcrowding and construction, and the current state sentencing guidelines. The study will include recommendations on whether any changes could be made to address inmate overcrowding and the need for new prison construction.

Project Title: Student Financial Aid, Waivers, and Institutional Financial Aid

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Susan Howson

Reference:

Other Resources: HECB

Project Description: Monitor Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) expenditures, policy, and administrative process for allocation of student financial aid. Review student tuition waivers and institutional financial aid.

Project Title: Development of HRISD Computer System

Priority: 2

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: David Pringle

Reference: Department of Personnel
budget proviso

Other Resources:

Project Description: DOP will be developing a new human resources and payroll computer system during the 2003-2005 biennium with initial costs in excess of \$40 million.

Project Title: Developmental Disabilities

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Amy Hanson, Dave Knutson

Reference:

Other Resources: DSHS

Project Description: Monitor the Department of Social and Health Service's implementation of the following efforts within the Developmental Disabilities Program: (1) compliance with the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee's final recommendations regarding improved management and accountability within the DD program; (2) development and administration of multiple Medicaid waivers to replace the existing home and community-based care waiver; and (3) the on-going reorganization of the former Division of Developmental Disabilities into the Aging and Disabilities Services Administration.

Project Title: Fish Management Division

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 1, 2003

Committee / Staff: Patty Linehan

Reference: Chapter 371 Laws of 2002
(ESSB 6387)Other Resources: Joint Legislative Audit and Review
Committee (JLARC)

Project Description: Monitor the 2002 Supplemental Operating Budget directed JLARC study of the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Fish Management Division.

Project Title: Geoduck Harvest and Management

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Patty Linehan

Reference: House Bills 1238, 1239, 1958

Other Resources:

Project Description: Monitor the Fisheries, Ecology & Parks Committee and Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee study of Geoduck Harvest and Management and attend interim hearings. A major aspect of the study is to examine the potential for increasing geoduck harvests on state-owned aquatic lands, which will in turn increase tideland lease revenues to the state. Staff travel will include attendance at Fisheries, Ecology & Parks Committee meetings relevant to Geoduck Harvest and Management issues.

Project Title: Medical Assistance Programs

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Amy Hanson, Dave Knutson

Reference:

Other Resources: DSHS

Project Description: Monitor the Medical Assistance Administration's implementation of budget reductions contained in the 2003-05 operating budget, including children's Medicaid premiums, increased eligibility verification efforts, and the development and administration of a preferred drug list for state purchased health care programs.

Project Title: Monitor activities of LEOFF 2 Board

Priority: 2

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: David Pringle

Reference: Initiative 790, HB 2197

Other Resources:

Project Description: The LEOFF 2 Board created by Initiative 790 comes into being July 1, 2003.

Project Title: Monitor federal funds earnings in the Children's Administration

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Heather Flodstrom

Reference: SB 5404 - budget

Other Resources: DSHS - Children's Administration

Project Description: Monitor the maximization of earning federal funds in the Children's Administration to see if they hit the target the Legislature set for them. This will enable the Legislature to know if a 2004 supplemental budget item will be necessary.

Project Title: Monitor K-12 Regional Cost-of-Living Index Development

Priority:

Completion Date: October 1, 2004

Committee / Staff: Denise Graham

Reference: ESSB 5404

Other Resources: LEAP

Project Description: The 2003-05 operating budget provides funding to the LEAP Committee to work with the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council to develop a regional cost-of-living index for school district employees.

Project Title: Monitor policy committee review of OMWBE operations

Priority:

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Amy Skei

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The Trade and Economic Development Committee will review the operations of the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises during the 2003 interim. As part of a funding reduction in the 2003-05, there is expressed intent that the legislature review OWMBE's structure and function during the interim and recommend changes if necessary. Staff travel will be limited to meetings at the Olympia headquarters of the OMWBE.

Project Title: Monitor state agency collective bargaining activities

Priority: 2

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: David Pringle

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: During the 2003-2005 biennium, labor organizations will be preparing to submit the first collectively bargained state agency employment agreements for the 2005-2007 biennium.

Project Title: Monitor TANF box revenues and expenditures

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Heather Flodstrom

Reference:

Other Resources: Governor's Office

Project Description: Monitor overall TANF box spending, and specifically the actions that the Governor's office takes in the next couple of months to keep the TANF box in balance.

Project Title: Monitor task force on gaming revenue enhancement

Priority:

Completion Date: January 5, 2004

Committee / Staff: Amy Skei

Reference: ESSB 5404

Other Resources:

Project Description: The task force will examine possible means to enhance state revenue from gaming and submit its recommendations to the Legislature.

Project Title: Monitor the Select Committee on Pension Policy

Priority: 2

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: David Pringle

Reference: ESHB 1204

Other Resources:

Project Description: Attend meetings and observe the development of the new Select Committee on Pension Policy.

Project Title: Participate policy committee review of small business activities at CTED

Priority:

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Holly Lynde

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The Trade and Economic Development Committee will be reviewing the feasibility of improving small business development within WA, as well as the feasibility of consolidating small business development programs within CTED.

Project Title: Perpetual Care Agreement

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Patty Linehan

Reference: Senate Bill 6087 (site closure account)

Other Resources:

Project Description: Follow the efforts of the Department of Ecology as they seek approval from the United States Department of Energy to amend the Perpetual Care Agreement to allow for annual transfer payments to repay the Site Closure Account for the \$13.8 million transfer to the state general fund.

Project Title: Research other state's funding mechanisms for children's programs

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Heather Flodstrom

Reference:

Other Resources: NCSL

Project Description: Research other states' methods for funding Children's programs including finding out if they zero-base their budgets. Propose some options for WA based on what is working elsewhere. (This was requested by Rep. Kagi.)

Project Title: Research the efficacy of consolidating children's programs

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Heather Flodstrom, Cynthia Forland

Reference: HB 2114

Other Resources: Children and Family Services
Committee staff, DSHS

Project Description: Research program service provision for the Children's Administration; to determine the efficacy of funding each of the individual programs independently, or consolidating some of the smaller programs into larger overarching programs. Determine whether consolidation will provide more flexibility in service provision. (This was requested by Rep. Kagi.)

Project Title: Research the feasibility of criminal surcharges being used to fund rape crisis centers

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Heather Flodstrom

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: Look at the Massachusetts model of charging surcharges on criminals to pay for rape crisis centers (and potentially domestic violence treatment), to see if it is transferable to Washington. If it is, then look into the details of: 1) how much \$\$ it would generate in WA; 2) how rape crisis centers are currently funded; and 3) would the funding be appropriate for domestic violence treatment/centers, etc. (This request came from Rep. Dickerson.)

Project Title: Residential Habilitation Center Consolidation

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Amy Hanson, Dave Knutson,
Marziah Kiehn-Sanford

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: Coordinate with the Children and Family Services, Health Care, and Capital Committees to monitor agency consolidation of Residential Habilitation Centers as provided in the 2003-05 biennial operating budget.

Project Title: Service credit purchase programs

Priority: 2

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: David Pringle

Reference:

Other Resources: OSA, DRS

Project Description: One opportunity for benefit enhancements in the state pension plans is in the area of service credit purchase programs. The subject may also have implications in the area of public safety-PERS benefit enhancements. DRS may require federal approval prior to any such program being implemented.